

## E-mail on the move

### Level

Pre-Intermediate and above

### Tasks

Discussing if and how students check e-mails when they are out of the office  
 Completing the results of a questionnaire about e-mail use  
 Reading an article about mobile e-mail devices  
 Classifying key words as nouns or verbs, or both  
 Discussing issues arising from the article

### How to use the lesson

- 1 Ask students how many e-mails they receive a day. Who gets the most? The students may also tell you the number of 'spam' mails they receive. Hand out the worksheet and ask students to tell each other if they check mails when they are out of the office, and how they do this.
- 2 Ask students to study the results of a survey on e-mail and circle the figure they think is correct. They then scan paragraph 3 of the article to check their answers.

#### Answers

*People on average check their e-mail about **five** times a day  
 77% have more than one e-mail account  
 47% said they check their personal e-mail at work*

- 3 Ask students to read the article and decide which device they would prefer: a blackberry, a smart phone or an internet tablet. Deal with any useful vocabulary at this point, such as: productivity / aim for. Ask any follow-up questions such as: do students think that picking up e-mails while they travel makes them more productive / flexible?
- 4 Ask students to complete the table with the ten words.

#### Answers

*Noun: product / competition / device  
 Noun and verb: rival / launch / estimate / market / aim  
 Verb: announce / predict*

- 5 Ask students to discuss the questions in small groups and report back their ideas to the class. If appropriate, students can report back their key points on OHTs. Round off the discussion by asking students if anyone will buy a device like the Blackberry after this lesson! After the discussion, provide language feedback.

### Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

[www.blackberry.com](http://www.blackberry.com)  
<http://www.palmone.com/us/products/smartphones/treo650/>  
<http://www.nokia.co.uk/nokia/0,,75321,00.html>  
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsmobile/5/default.mspx>